FACADE of the 75-year-old Francisco Jaramillo home at 125 W. Aragon Ave., Belen. Beautifully maintained, it is a typical adobe built in 1900. Three children, a son and two daughters still live there. [Ray Loomis photograph].

The Jaramillo home: a stately 75-year old Territorial adobe

In northeast Belen is a 75-year-old stately looking adobe home that will be one of four Belen area historic residences on a Bicentennial benefit tour July 6 sponsored by the Alkali Anns Garden Club of Belen.

This home, at 125 West Aragon, was built in the year 1900 by Francisco Jaramillo. It sat on a large tract of land belonging to the Jaramillo family for many generations. Two brothers, Placido and Ramon, had houses nearby as well as some of their sisters.

• Francisco was married to the former Dolores Aragon of the prominent Romolo Aragon family for whom the street was named. The Aragons had a large tract of land in the vicinity of Main and Aragon. A brother, Ignacio, owned a grocery store on that corner for many years.

Francisco and Dolores reared a family of two boys and four girls in their home. Three of the children still reside there, they are Misses Tillie and Stella Jaramillo and Nestor Jaramillo. Francisco worked for the Santa Fe railroad and also had extensive farm lands on Gabaldon Road. The elder Jaramillo died Dec. 26, 1965.

A grandchild, Fidel Sanchez, resides across the street.

The outward appearance of this house is an excellent example of Territorial architecture with a long portal supported by carved spindle-like posts with a delicate Victorian trim on the upper parts of the posts. The carefully centered doors and windows have a wood trim. A lacy wire fence parallels the portal and encloses a small area of ferns known as the medicinal herb, Alta-Misa.

The home is of adobe construction. The outside walls as well as inside walls are made of adobe that is two feet thick providing excellent insulation. There are eight rooms.

The floor plan follows the Spanish Colonial style with a symetrical plan of two rooms deep on either side of the house. The rooms connect in a line with each other. The front portion has a center "sala" flanked by two large bedrooms. The back portion features a kitchen, bath and three bedrooms. One bedroom was formerly a dining room.

It is generously furnished with family antiques. Among them are some beautifully carved Victorian tables, a large wardrobe and a player piano. All of these will be on view at the open house.

The tour will visit eight Valley homes, from Isleta to La Joya, four in the Belen area and four in the Los Lunas area, each sponsored by the local garden club. The Los Lunas tour will be made a week later, on July 13.

Tickets will go on sale soon through the two garden clubs, the El Jardin Encanto of Los Lunas and Alkali Anns of Belen and members of the Eastern Valencia County Bicentennial committee.

Theresa Tabet is president of the Garden Club and Martha Waid is general tour chairman. The two also are co-chairmen of the house selection committee.

Other Belen committee chairmen include Marge Renot and Hazel Kerwald, hostesses; Betty Wiegreffe, refreshments; and Jean Loomis, photography.

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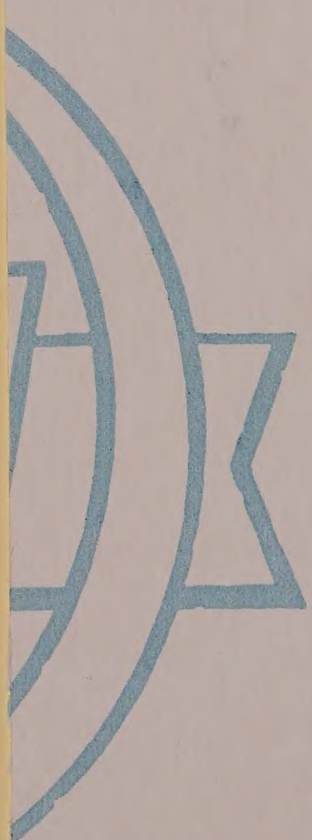
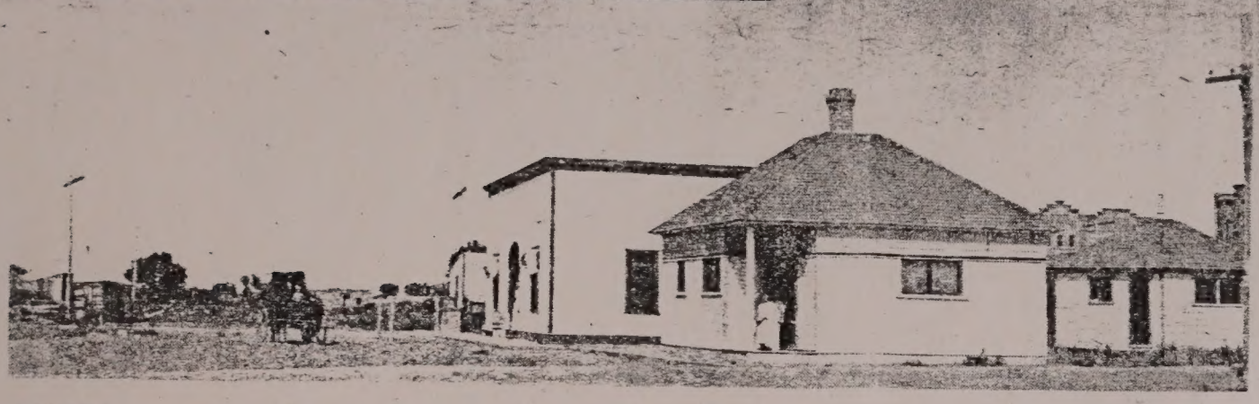
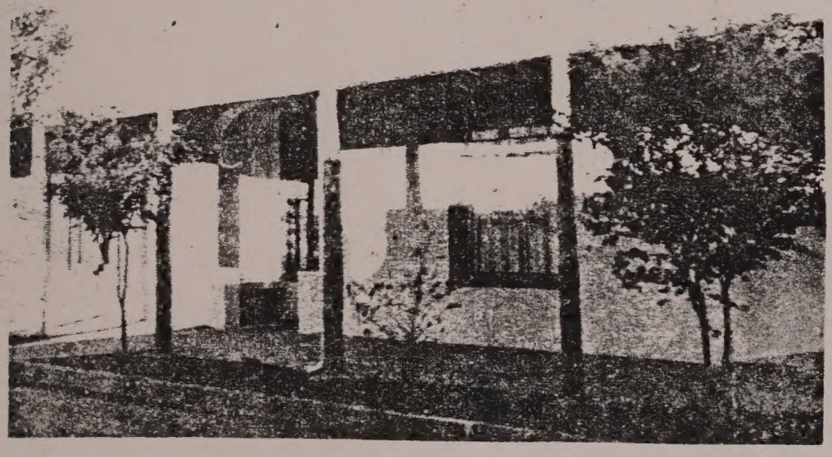




BEFORE -- The rectangular-shaped building in the center of photo was built by Dr. William D. Radcliffe, sr., in 1906, and the present Dr. Radcliffe was born there. He has been using it as an office since beginning his practice here. His father and a sister Margaret are shown in the buggy at left. An aunt, Miss Lydia Haack, is sitting in the door way of the home in front. The building has since been sold and moved to West Picard avenue.



AFTER -- Recently modeled quarters of Dr. William D. Radcliffe are shown above. The frame home has been plastered, painted and completely remodeled. A Spanish portal has been added to the sides of the building fronting on Dalies and North Seventh streets. Mrs. Radcliffe was the architect, A. D. Correll was in charge of remodeling and redecorating.

Historic Belen Landmark Remodeled, Redecorated

The office of Dr. William D. Radcliffe, 204 North Seventh St. Belen, has recently been remodeled and redecorated.

The building has long been a familiar Belen landmark.

The rectangular frame structure was built in 1906 by Dr. Radcliffe's father, and in it young Radcliffe was born in 1907.

In the remodeling work, done by A. D. Correll, virtually everything was torn down with the exception of the walls. A new foundation and new floors were installed, a Spanish portal (porch) was added around the building, and the interior and exterior has been plastered and re-painted. Cost of the remodelling was about $12,000.

Dr. Radcliffe, sr., came to Belen in the late 1880's from Richmond, Va., to set up his medical practice. His father had been

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medical advisor to General Robert E. Lee during the Civil War.

Shortly thereafter, he took his family to England, and there, Dr. Radcliffe's father studied at Queens Medical College of Oxford University.

In the late 1800's Dr. Radcliffe, sr., returned to the United States.

He met his future wife, the former Miss Emma Haack in Belen in 1901, where she was employed as private secretary and telegrapher to her uncle, John Becker.

Dr. Radcliffe, jr., is a graduate of the University of Southern California medical school. He served as eighth district Health officer of New Mexico (which includes [illegible]lencia county) from 1939 to 1, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in July 1942 and served at Randolph Field until 1944. At that time, he was assigned as special troop surgeon to the 69th Infantry Division, which held an historic meeting with Russian army units at Torgau in 1945, to signal the end of the Second World War in Europe.

From 1947 to 1948, he was assistant director of health and welfare for Office of Military Government for Land Hesse, one of the three U.S. zone German provinces. From 1948 to 1950, he was health and welfare director for OMG in Wuerttemberg-Baden. He was a USAF Lt. Colonel at the time of his discharge.

He met his wife, the former Mrs. Helen Lanceff, in Frankfort, Germany at the end of the war.

Mrs. Radcliffe has two children, George Harold, 23, a member of the Army Medical Service School in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and a daughter, Irene, freshmen at the University of New Mexico.

Dr. and Mrs. Radcliffe are the parents of Louise, 9, in the fourth grade at Central School.

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